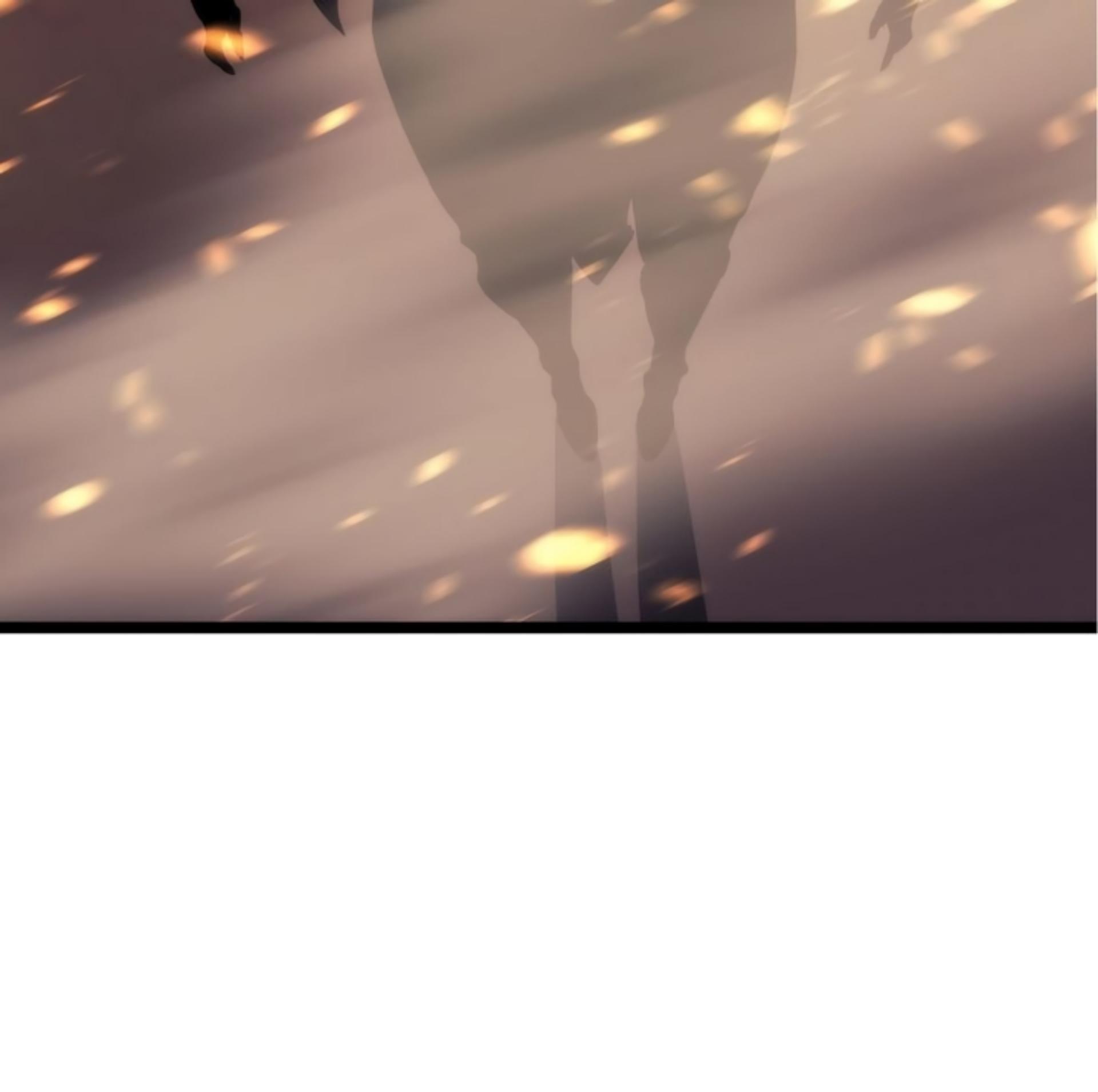


WHAT WERE
YOU DOING IN THE
DEMON REALM?



...PREPARING
FOR WAR.





Solo Leveling

Art · DUBU(REDICE STUDIO)

Original Novel · Chugong

Story · h-goon

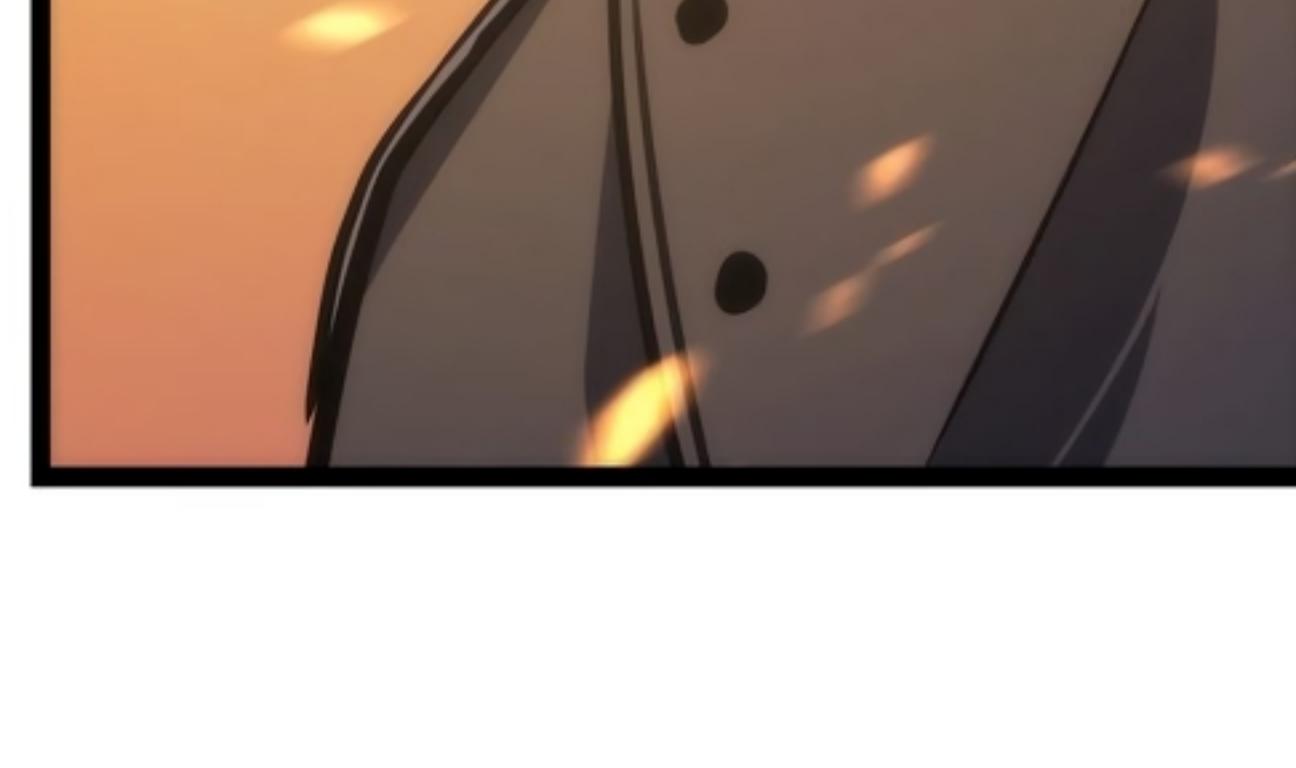
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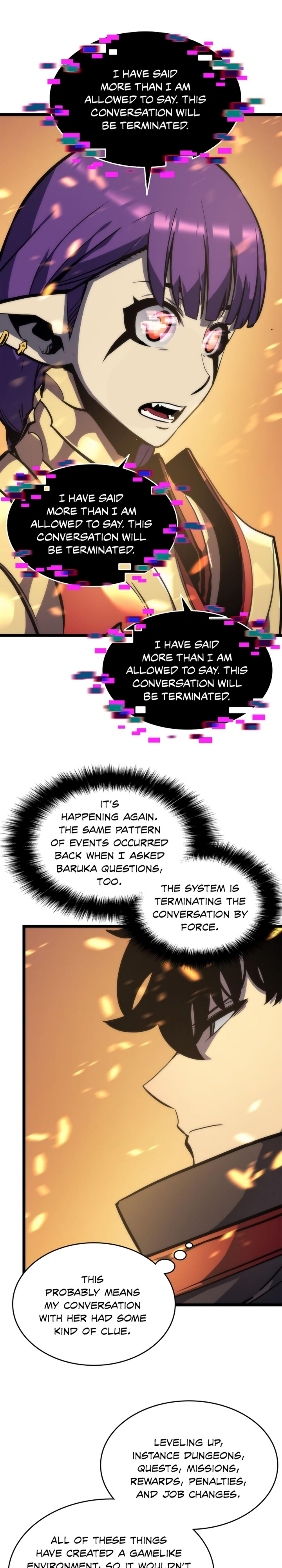


YES.

WE WERE PREPARING
FOR A WAR AGAINST A
POWERFUL ENEMY THAT
REQUIRED THE JOINT
FORCES OF THE ENTIRE
DEMON RACE...

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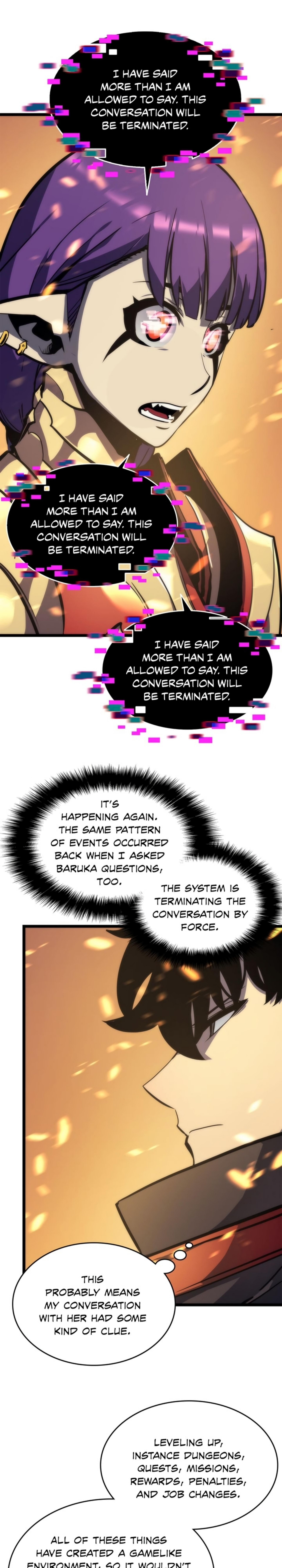




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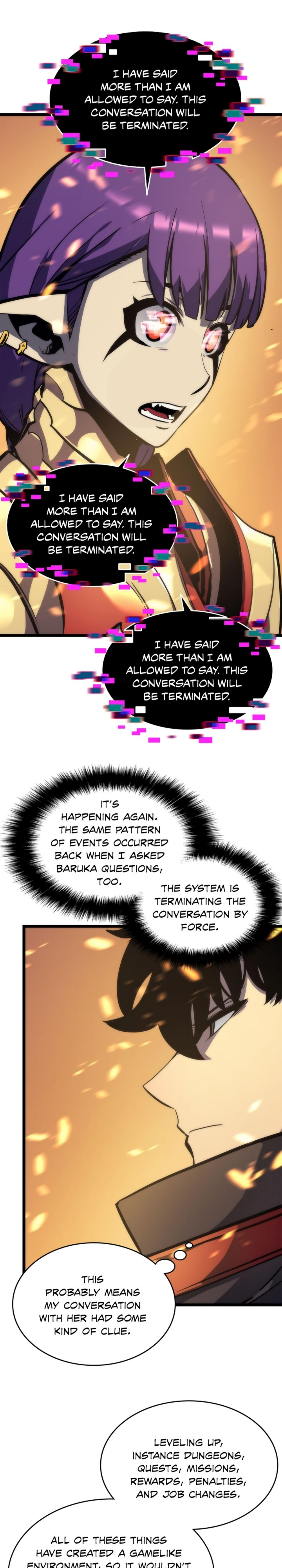
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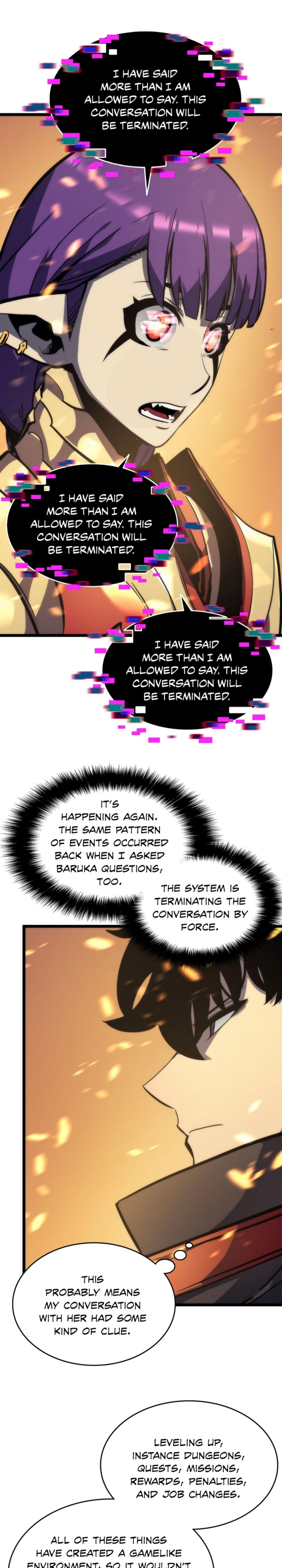
IT'S
HAPPENING AGAIN.
THE SAME PATTERN
OF EVENTS OCCURRED
BACK WHEN I ASKED
BARUKA QUESTIONS,
TOO.

THE SYSTEM IS
TERMINATING THE
CONVERSATION BY
FORCE.



THIS
PROBABLY MEANS
MY CONVERSATION
WITH HER HAD SOME
KIND OF CLUE.

LEVELING UP,
INSTANCE DUNGEONS,
QUESTS, MISSIONS,
REWARDS, PENALTIES,
AND JOB CHANGES.

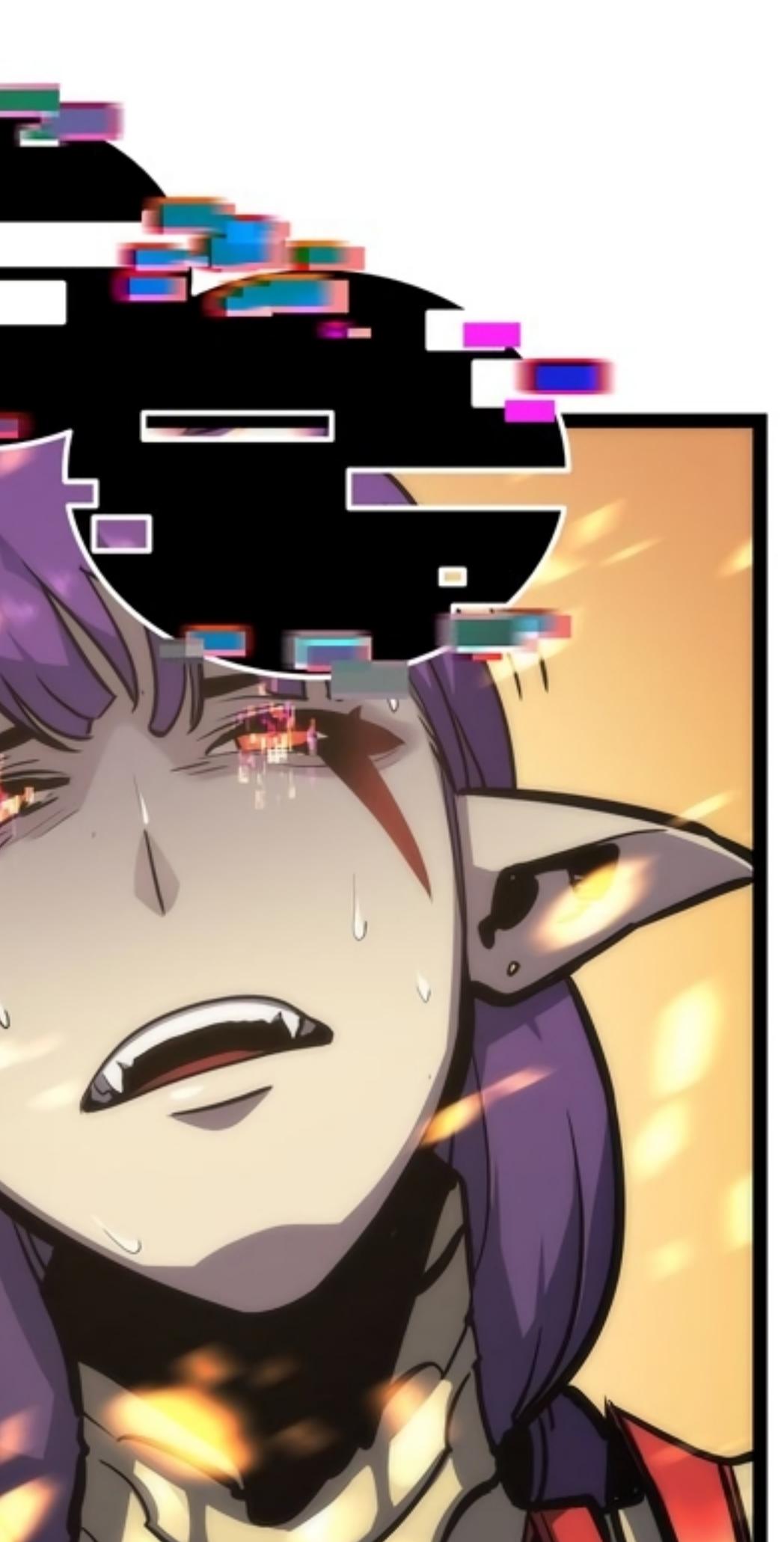


ALL OF THESE THINGS
HAVE CREATED A GAMELIKE
ENVIRONMENT, SO IT WOULDN'T

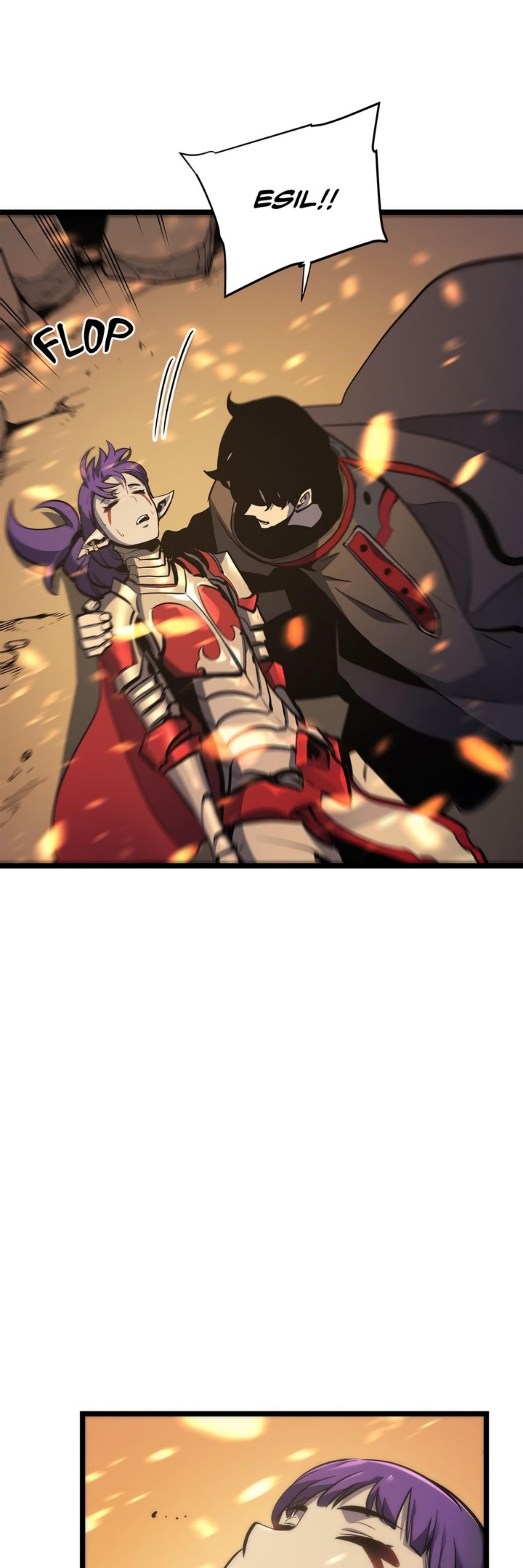
ENVIRONMENT, SO IT WOULDN'T
BE FAR-FETCHED TO ASSUME
THAT THESE MONSTERS ARE
JUST ANOTHER ELEMENT
OF GAMEPLAY.

WHAT KIND OF
POWERFUL ENEMIES
WERE YOU PREPARING
TO FIGHT AGAINST?

WELL...

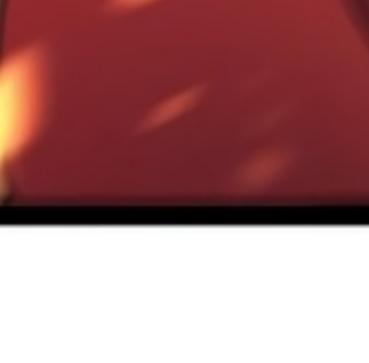


ZZZ



ESIL!!

FLOP



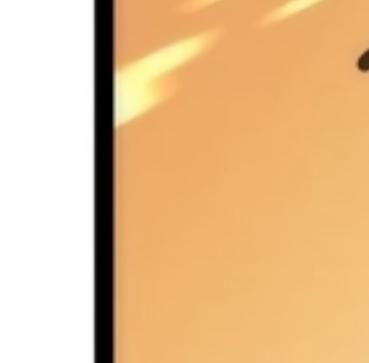
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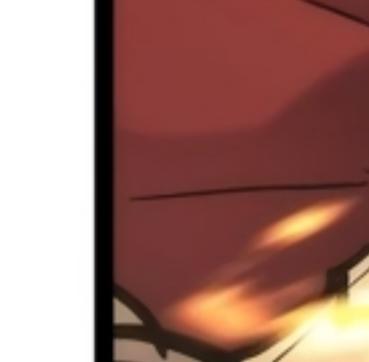
THE SYSTEM
REACTION STRONGLY
WHEN I ASKED HER
ABOUT HER ENEMIES.



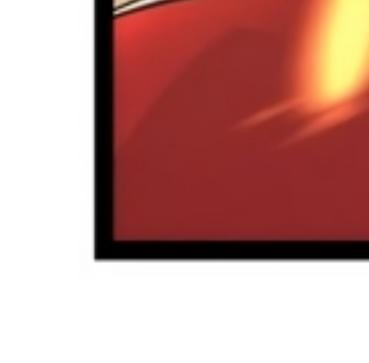
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THE POWERS OF
THE SYSTEM ARE
OTHERWORLDLY.



IF THE SYSTEM HAPPENS
TO BE INFLUENCING ME OR
THE WORLD AT LARGE,
THAT MEANS...

...



THE ENEMIES
THAT THE
DEMONS WERE
BATTLING...

COULD THEY
HOLD THE ANSWER
TO ALL THIS?

FLASH





A MAGIC BEAST!!

CLANG

SWISH

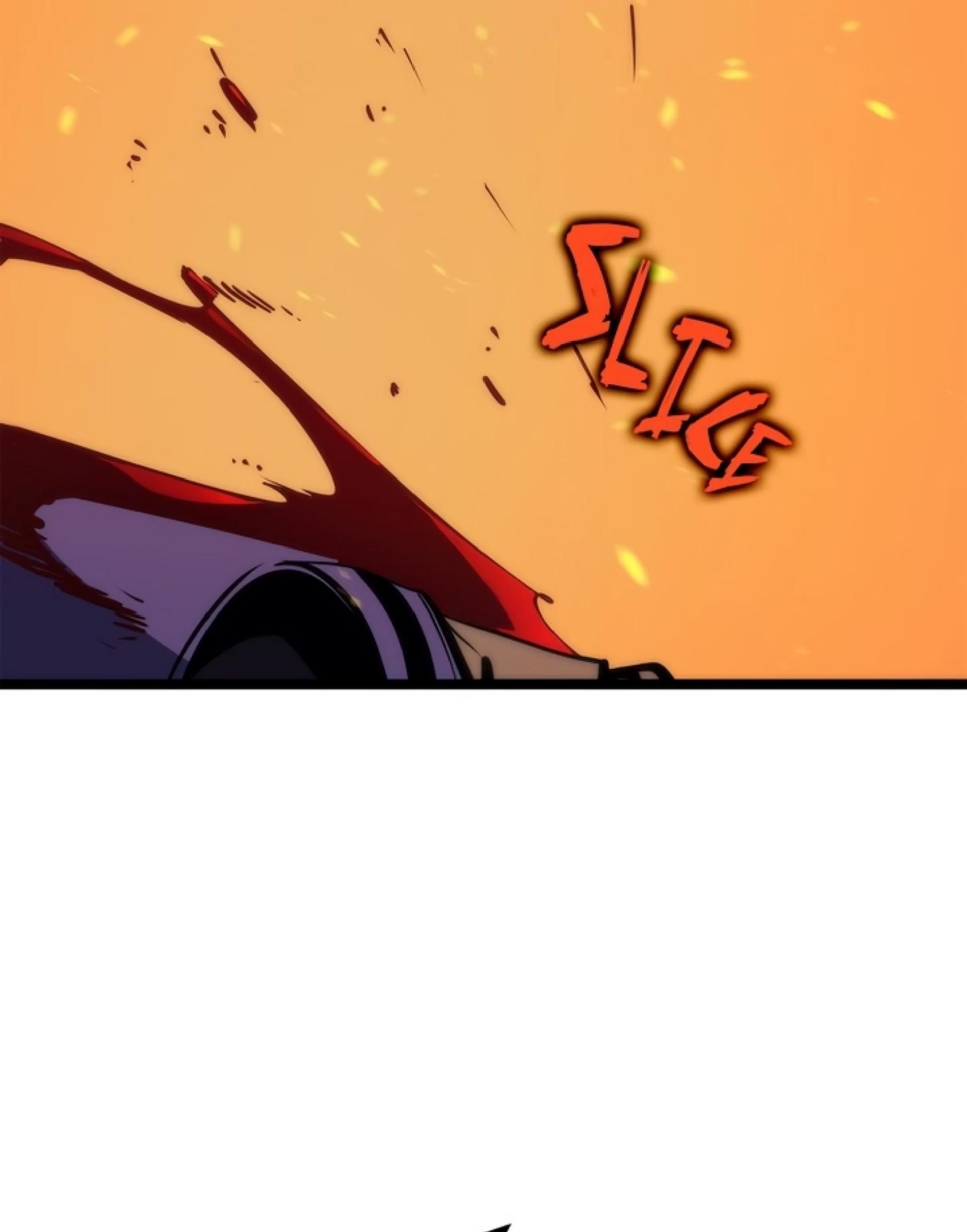
CLANG

SWISH

QUICK,
BARRAGE IT WITH
ATTACKS!

CLANG

THAT IS NO
ORDINARY
BEAST...



SLICE

WHAT THE
HELL IS THAT
THING?!

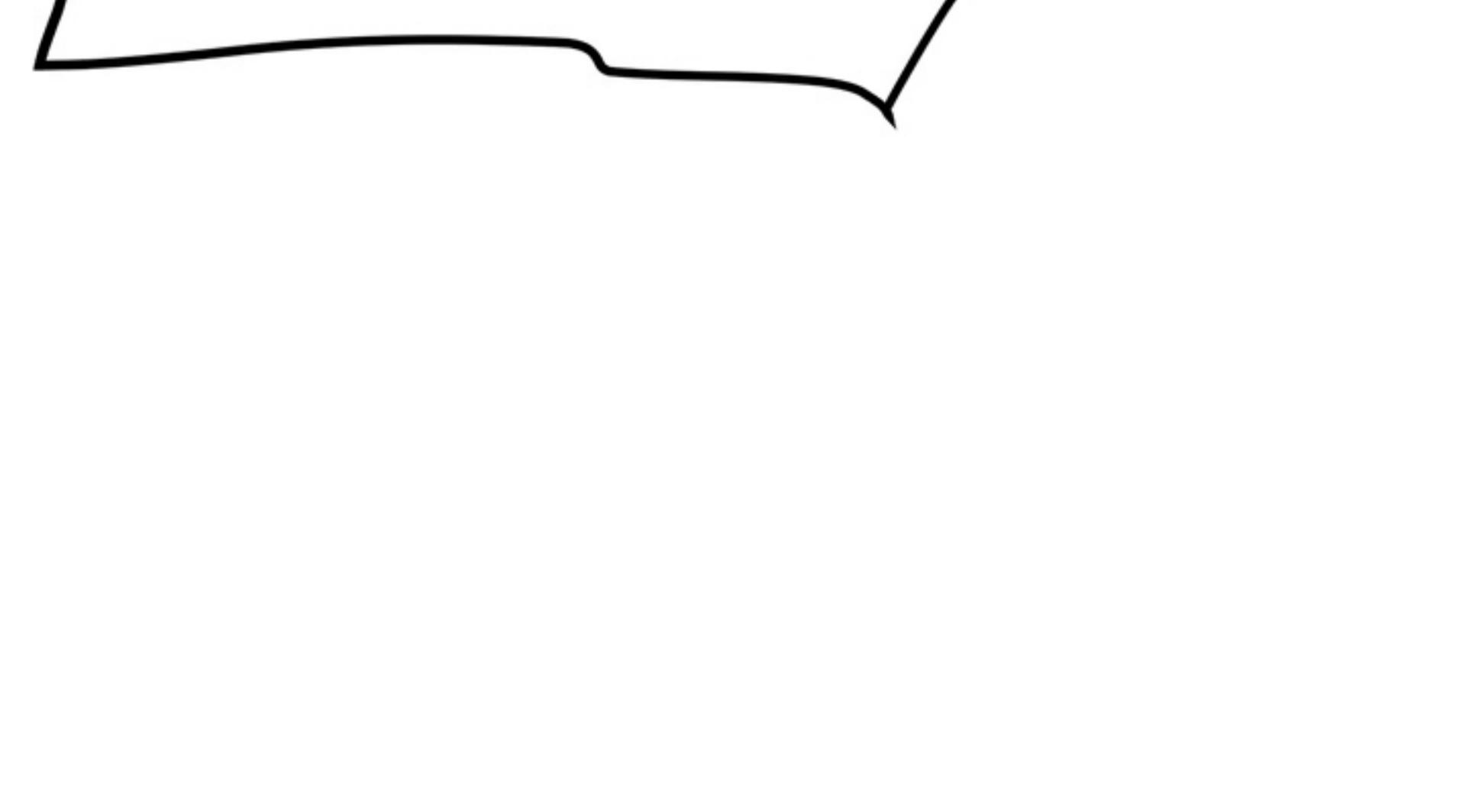


IT WENT
STRAIGHT
FOR OUR
HEALERS!



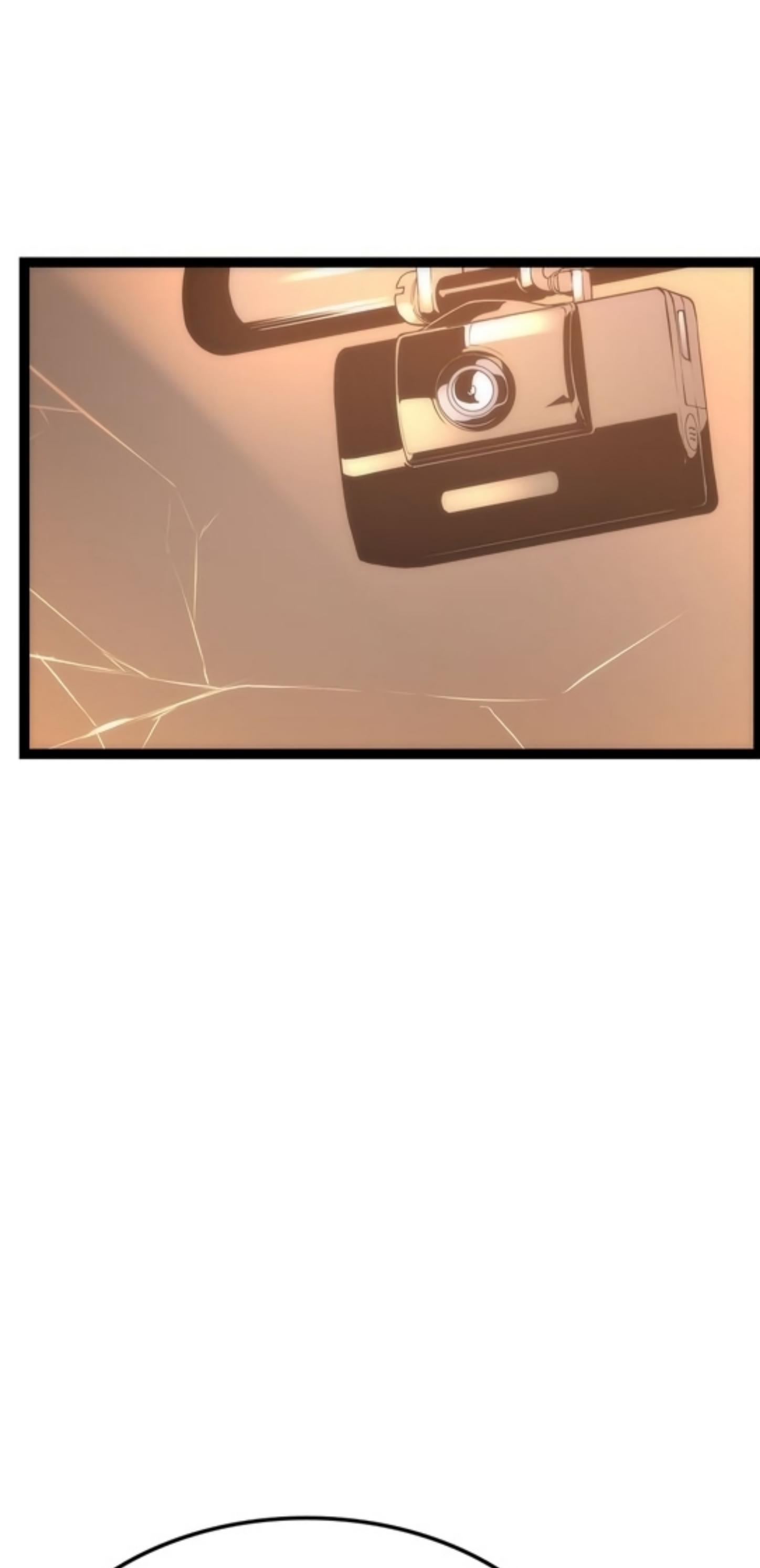
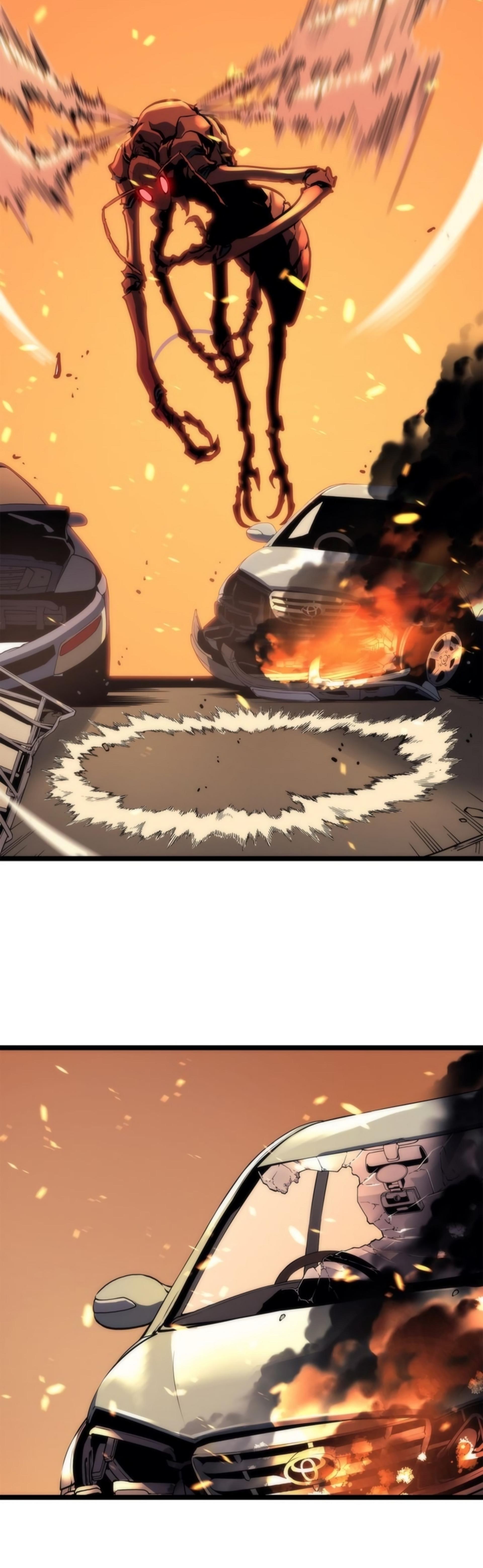
OUR WEAKEST
E-RANK HUNTERS
WERE ATTACKED
FIRST.

AFTER DECREASING
OUR NUMBERS, IT GOT
RID OF OUR HEALERS
IN ORDER TO WEAKEN
OUR FORCES!

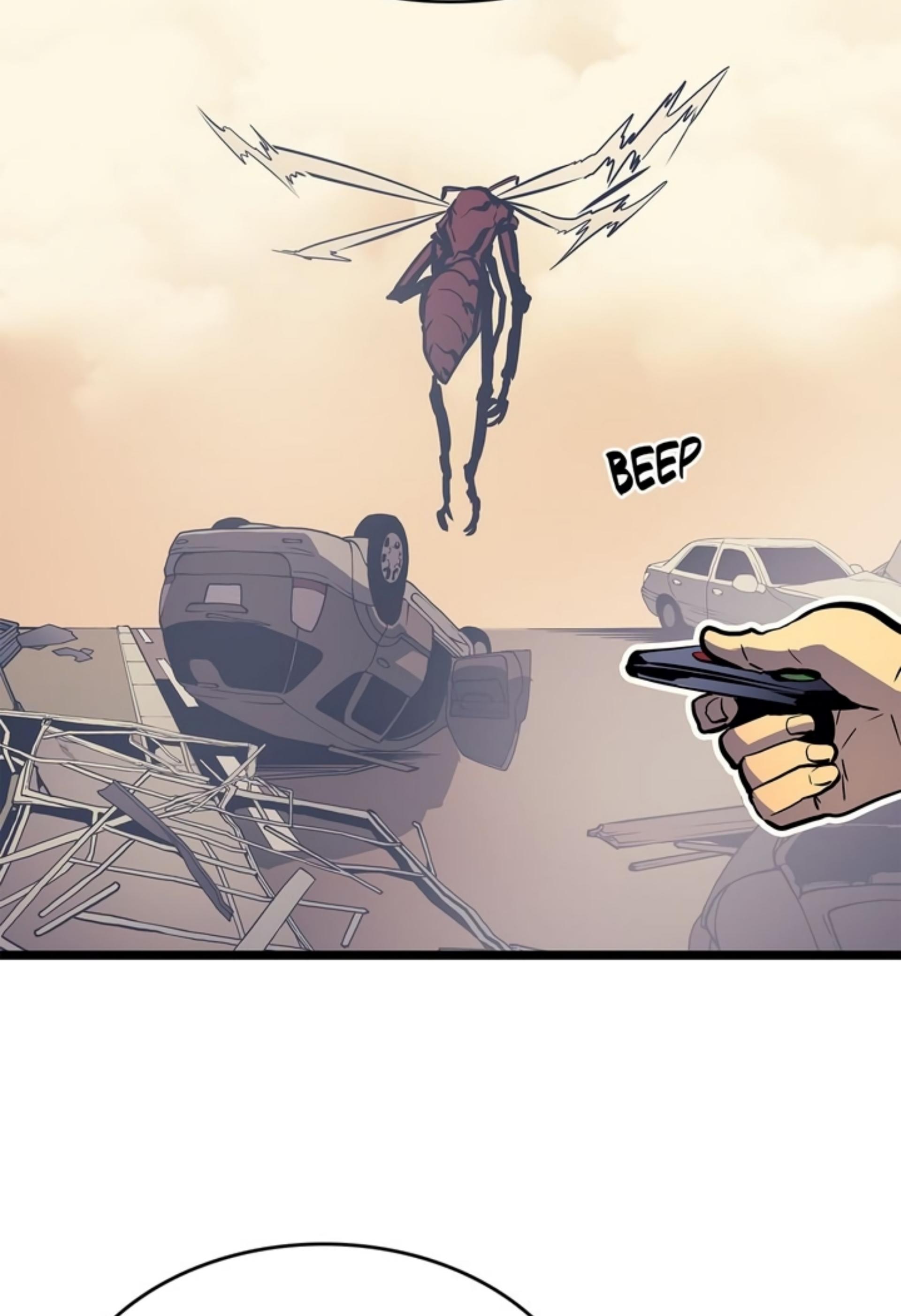


IT KNOWS THAT
IT'LL BE PUT AT A
DISADVANTAGE THE
LONGER THIS BATTLE
DRAGS OUT!

A close-up, low-angle shot of a bright orange surface, likely a car's front end. A red exclamation mark sticker is prominently displayed in the center. The background is dark, and the surface has some yellow reflections.



RECORDING IS THE
ONLY FOOTAGE OF
THE ANT WE
HAVE.



THE MUTANT

ANT THAT APPEARED

RECENTLY WAS

DEFEATED IN A

SINGLE DAY.

IT WAS

FIRST DISCOVERED ON

A SMALL ISLAND NEXT TO

THE REGION WHERE IT WAS

EXTERMINATED. WE GATHER

IT MUST'VE TRAVERSED

HERE AFTER COMPLETING

ITS HUNT ON THE

ISLAND.

THANKS TO
THE HUNTERS WHO
RESPONDED TO OUR
EMERGENCY CALL,
THE THREAT WAS
SUCCESSFULLY
ELIMINATED.

FOUR E-RANKS, ONE D-RANK HEALER, AND ONE C-RANK LEADER DIED ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

AN A-RANK HUNTER WHO JOINED MIDWAY WAS THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE SUCCESSFUL EXTERMINATION OF THE ANT.

LONG STORY SHORT, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST ONE A-RANK HUNTER TO TAKE DOWN A SINGLE MUTANT ANT.

THERE HAVE BEEN 294 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES DUE TO THIS MUTANT ANT.

A TOTAL OF 108 HUNTERS WERE DISPATCHED.

WHILE THAT MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER, SINCE THE MUTANT ANT HAD THE ABILITY TO SENSE DANGER AND FLY AWAY, THE JAPANESE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT THEIR RESPONSE WAS REASONABLE.

OUT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES IN ASIA, JAPAN HAS ONE OF THE MOST WELL-ORGANIZED SYSTEMS SET UP FOR THEIR NETWORK OF HUNTERS.

THAT SAID, IF JAPAN SUFFERED THIS MANY CASUALTIES, WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

WHAT MIGHT'VE HAPPENED
IF THE ANTS HAD FLOWN
OVER TO MAINLAND
KOREA...

MURMUR

WHISPER

MURMUR

MUCH LIKE JAPAN,
OUR COUNTRY HAS
MANY ISLANDS
AS WELL,

BUT WE
AREN'T CAPABLE OF
MONITORING EACH
AND EVERY ONE
OF THEM...

AN ISLAND 150
KILOMETERS AWAY
FROM JEJU WAS
ATTACKED.

THE FACT
THAT THE ANT
FLEW THAT FAR
MEANS...

THEY'RE CAPABLE OF
FLYING NOT JUST TO THE
COASTAL PROVINCES,
BUT ALL THE WAY TO THE
CITY OF MOKPO AS
WELL.

IF THEY WERE TO CHANGE COURSE, THEY WOULD EVEN BE ABLE TO REACH THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF JINDO AND WANDO COUNTY!

ANTS THAT CAN FLY, EH? THEY'RE MORE LIKE BEES THAN ANTS.

SOUTH KOREA CAN'T SEND HUNTERS TO EVERY SINGLE ISLAND LIKE JAPAN DID. WE LACK THE MANPOWER.

EVEN IF WE DEPLOY A COUPLE OF LOW-RANKING HUNTERS, THEY'LL JUST BECOME ANT FOOD!

WHO WOULD COME TO THE AID OF SOUTH KOREA IN THIS SITUATION?

CHINA, OR MAYBE RUSSIA? THEY HAVE A MULTITUDE OF HUNTERS AVAILABLE, BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, THEY ALSO HAVE A VAST AMOUNT OF LAND TO PROTECT.

WHAT ABOUT THE UNITED STATES, THEN?

NO, THEY REFUSED TO

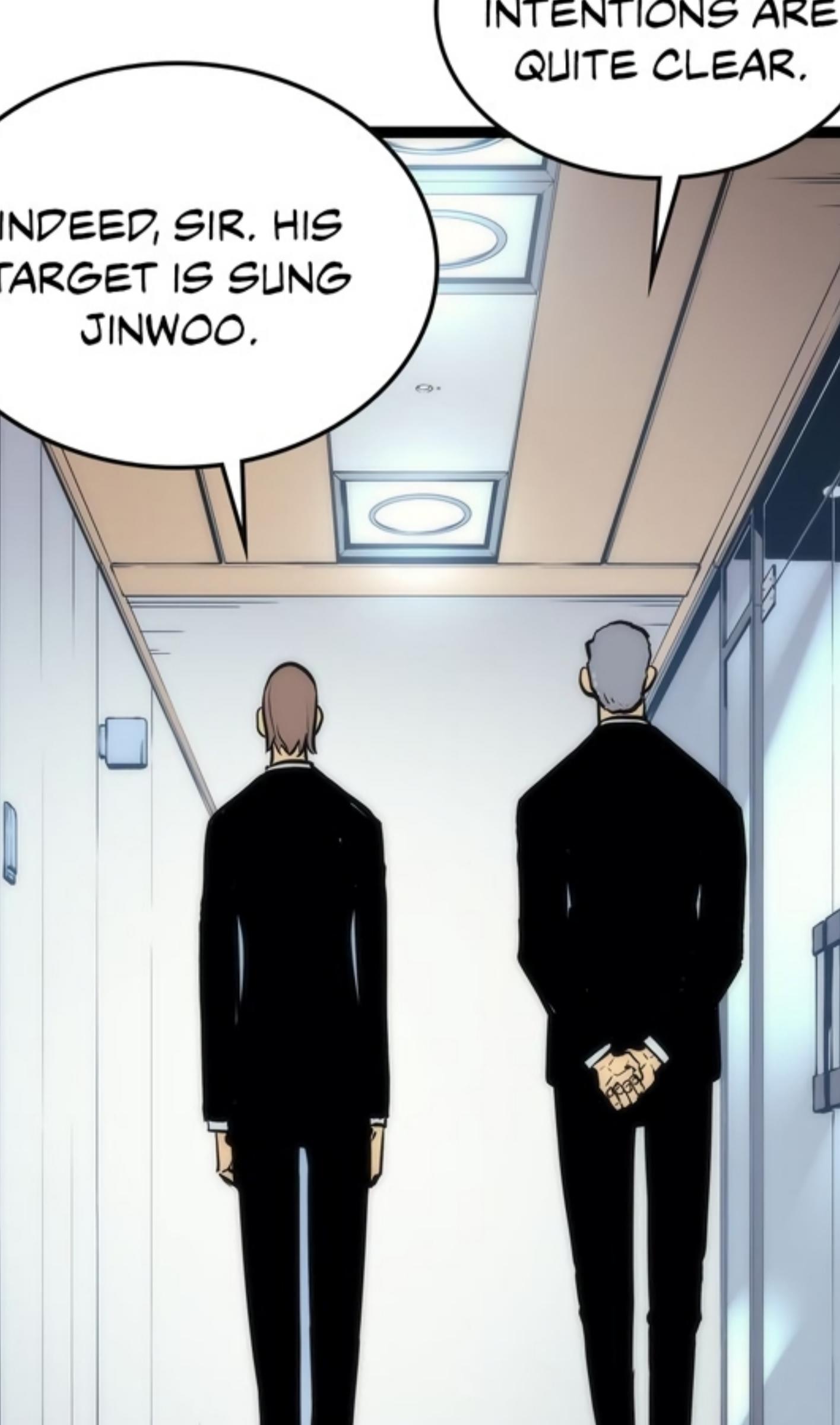
COME TO OUR AID BACK

WHEN THE FIRST S-RANK GATE OPENED...

BY MR. HWANG
DONGSOO OF THE
SCAVENGER
GUILD.



HE NOTIFIED US THAT
HE'LL BE PARTAKING IN
THE UPCOMING JEJU
ISLAND RAID.



INDEED, SIR. HIS
TARGET IS SUNG
JINWOO.

HIS
INTENTIONS ARE
QUITE CLEAR.

SO HOW
DID YOU DEAL
WITH HIM?

I'VE PUT IN A REQUEST
TO DENY HIS ENTRY INTO

TO DENY HIS ENTRY INTO
SOUTH KOREA USING THE
CONFLICT WITH MR. BAEK
YOONHO DURING THE RED
GATE INCIDENT AS
AN EXCUSE.

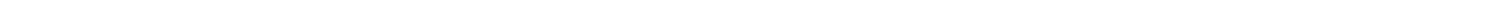
HOWEVER,
MR. HWANG IS NOT
THE ONLY HUNTER WHO
CONTACTED US.

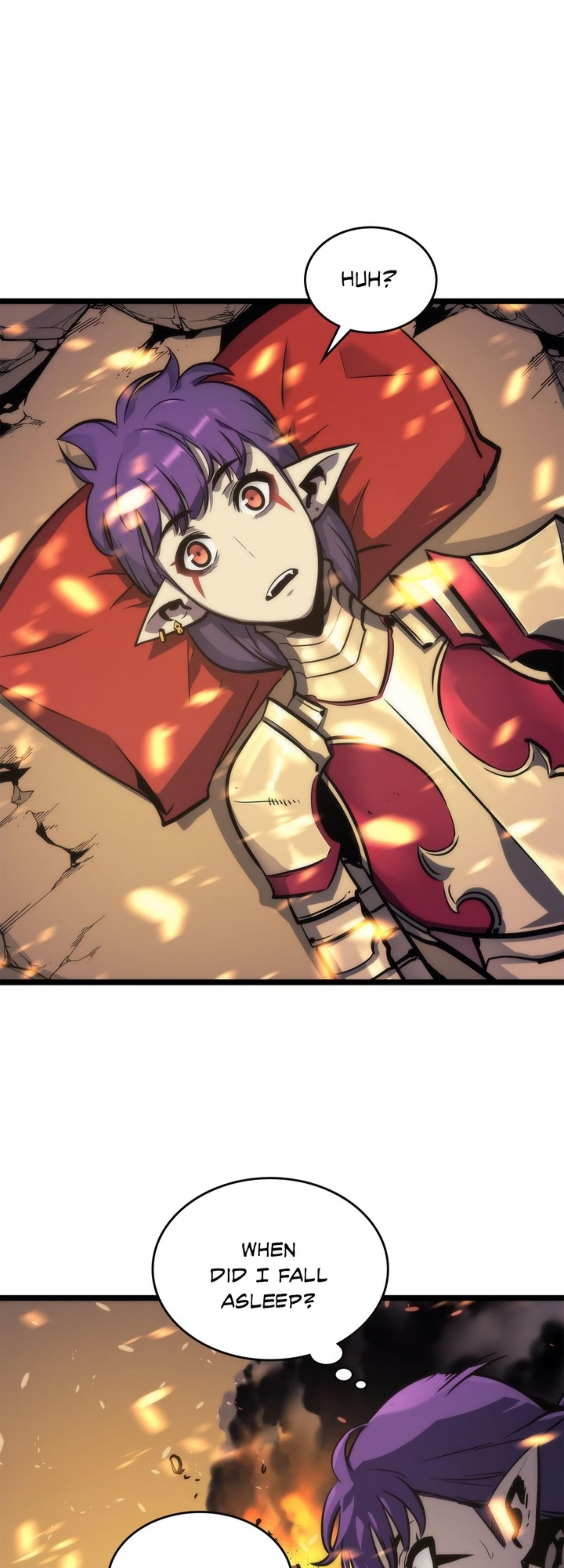


THERE'S
SOMEONE
ELSE?

THE CALL WAS
FROM A NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTER.

LET
ME INTRODUCE
HIM TO YOU, SIR.
PLEASE COME
WITH ME.





HUH?



WHEN
DID I FALL
ASLEEP?



YOU AWAKE?

LOOKS LIKE NOT
ALL DEMONS ARE
FRIENDLY WITH
EACH OTHER.



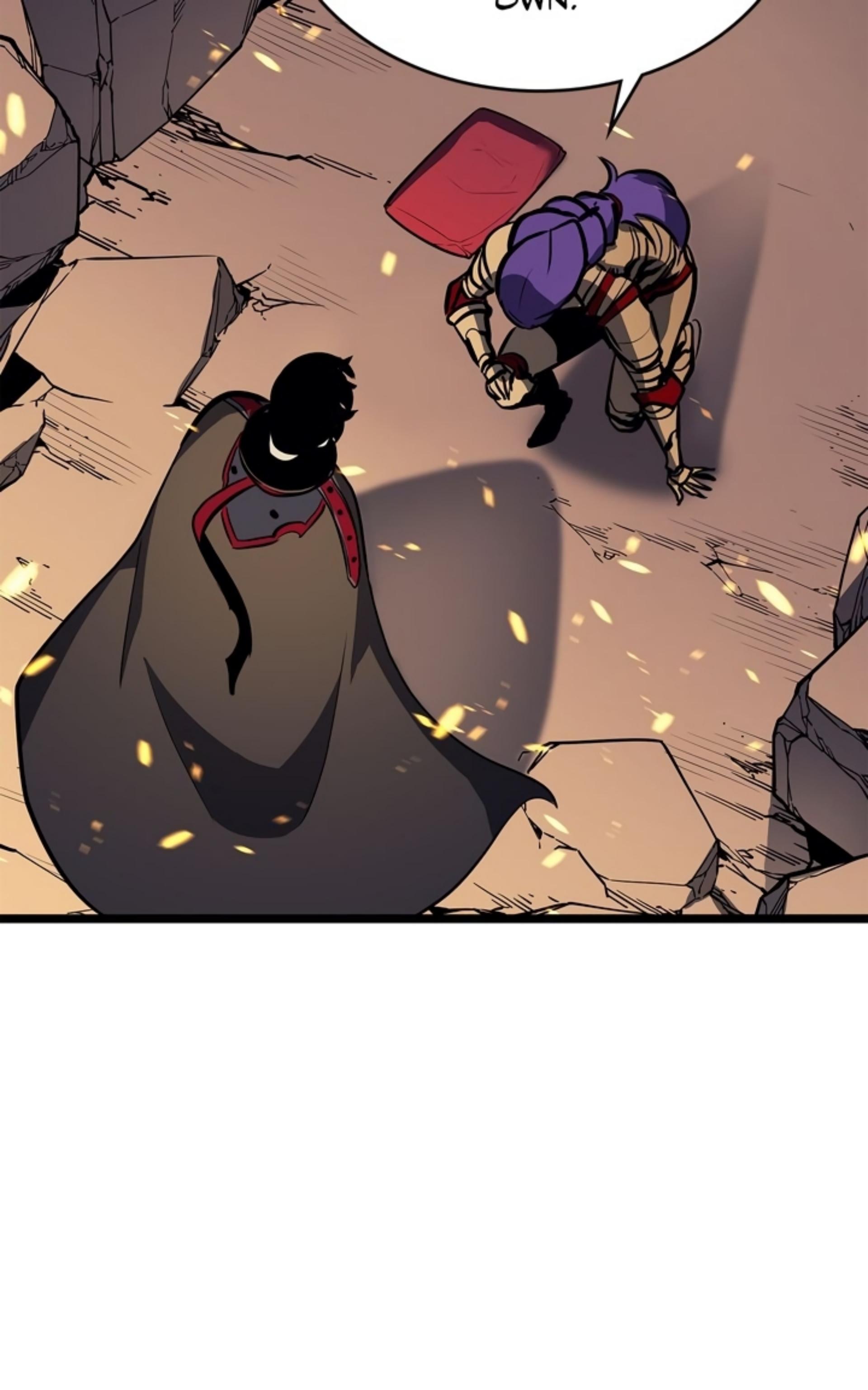


THESE GUYS
TRIED TO ATTACK
YOU.

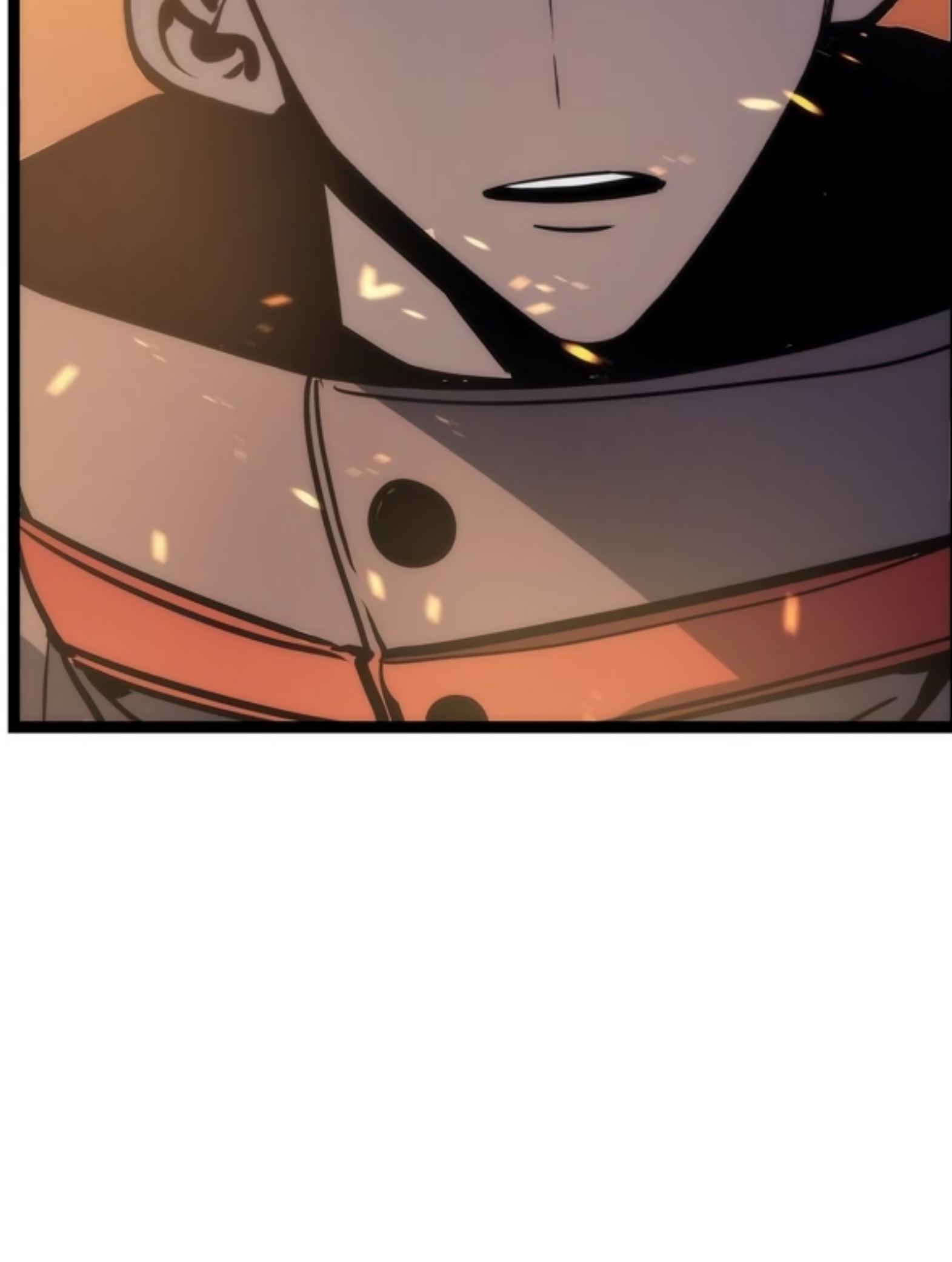
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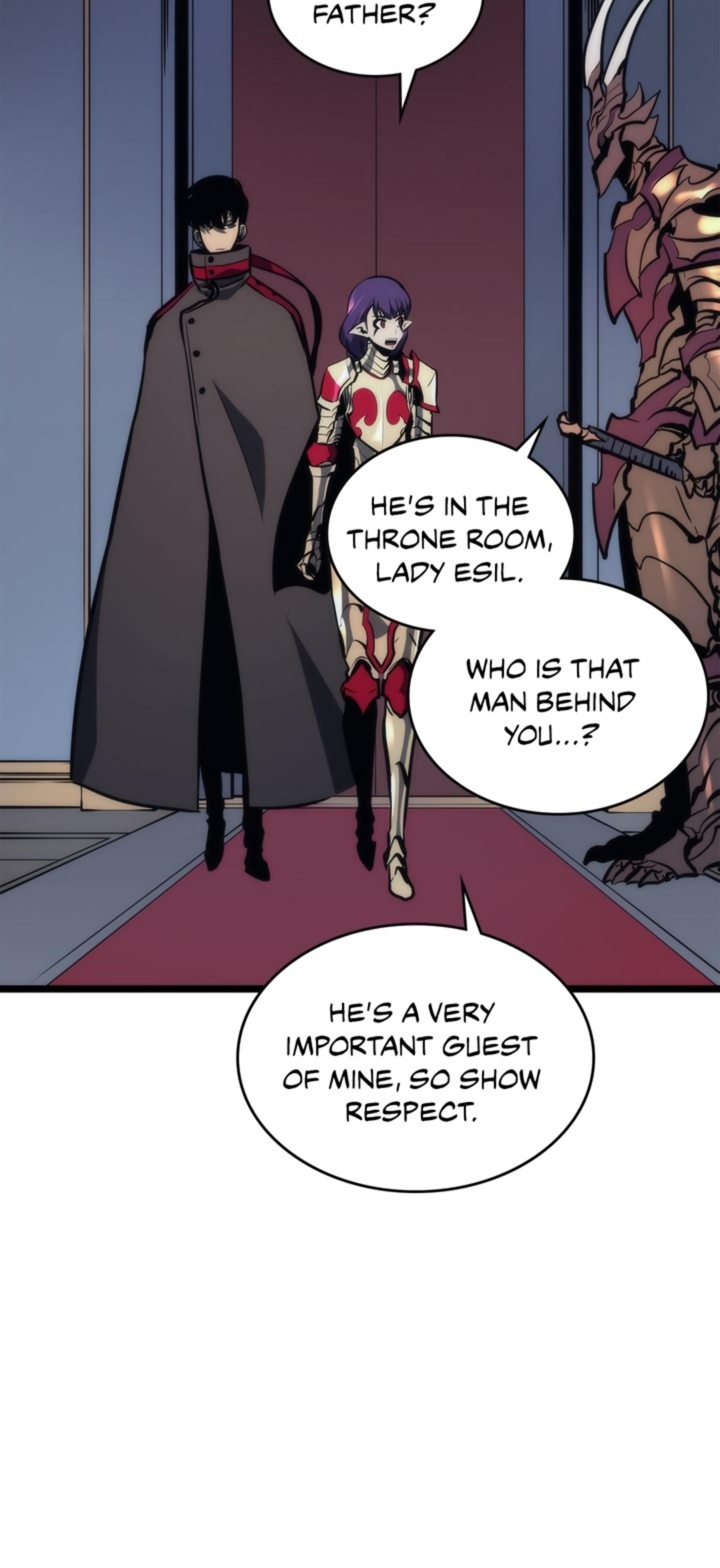
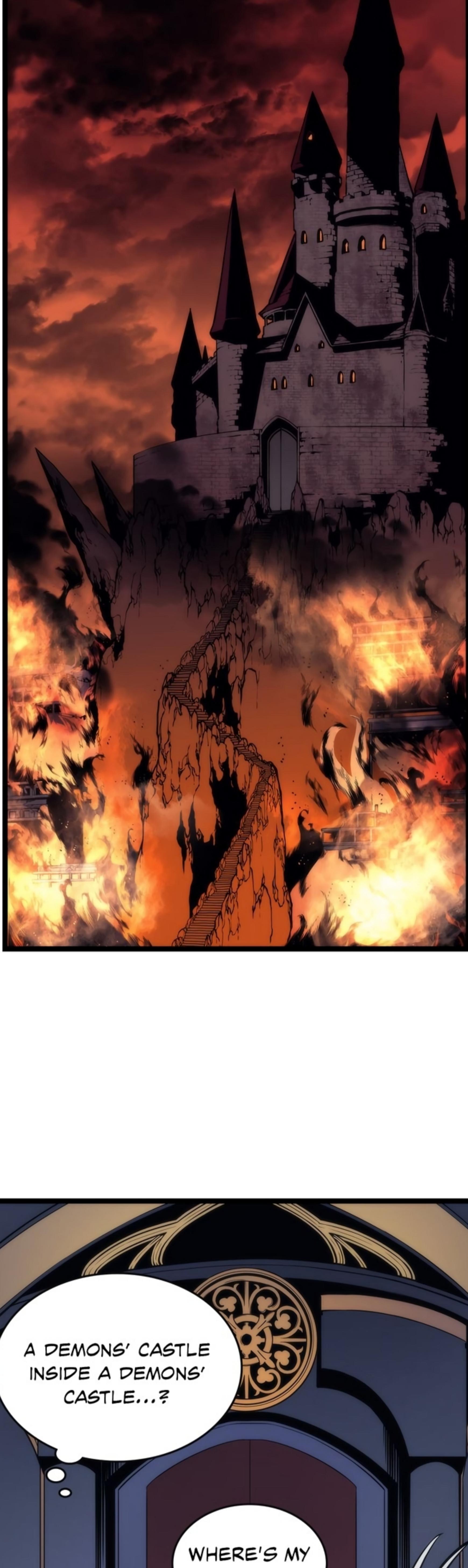


OWN.



HOW LONG WILL
IT TAKE TO GET
TO WHERE THE
ENTRY PERMIT
IS?







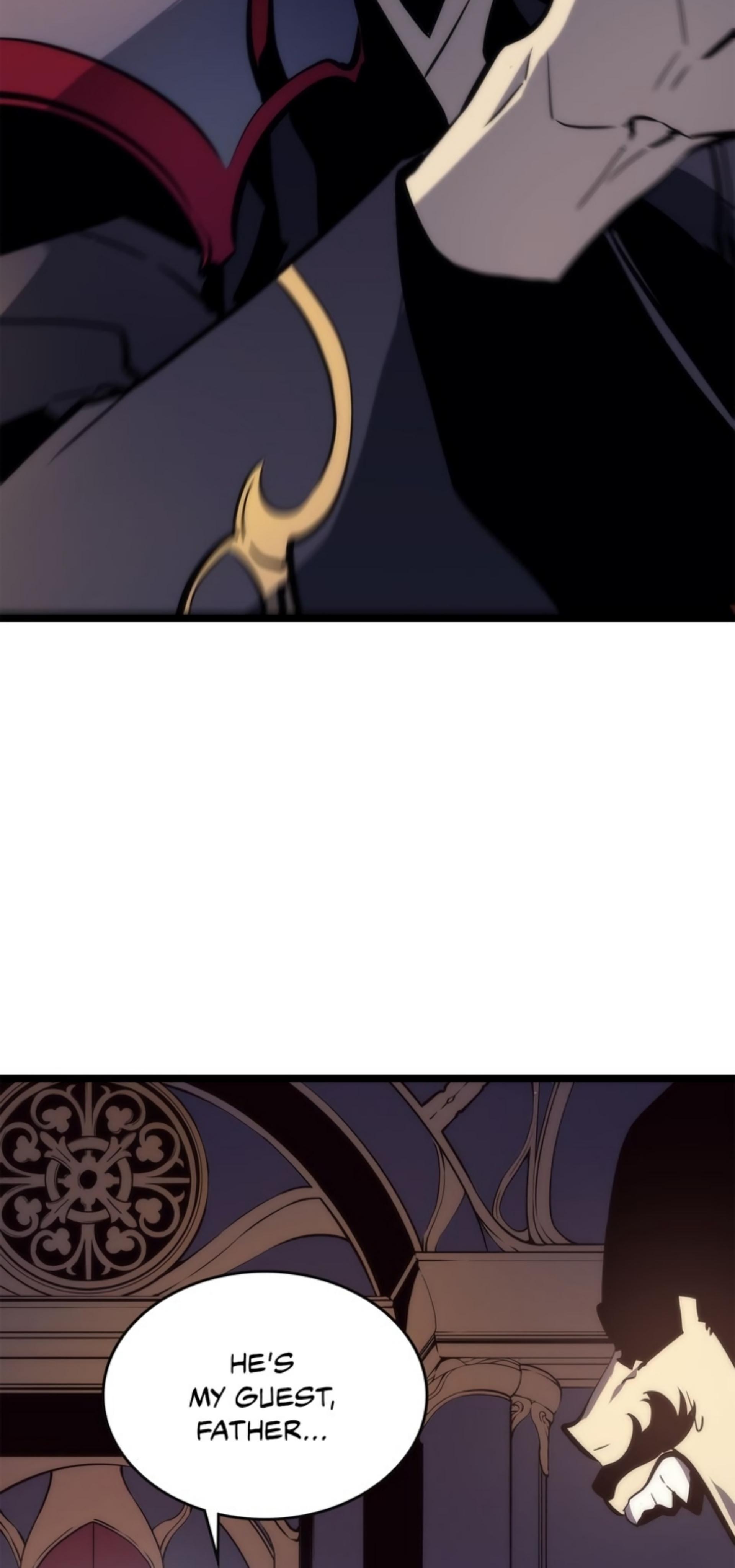
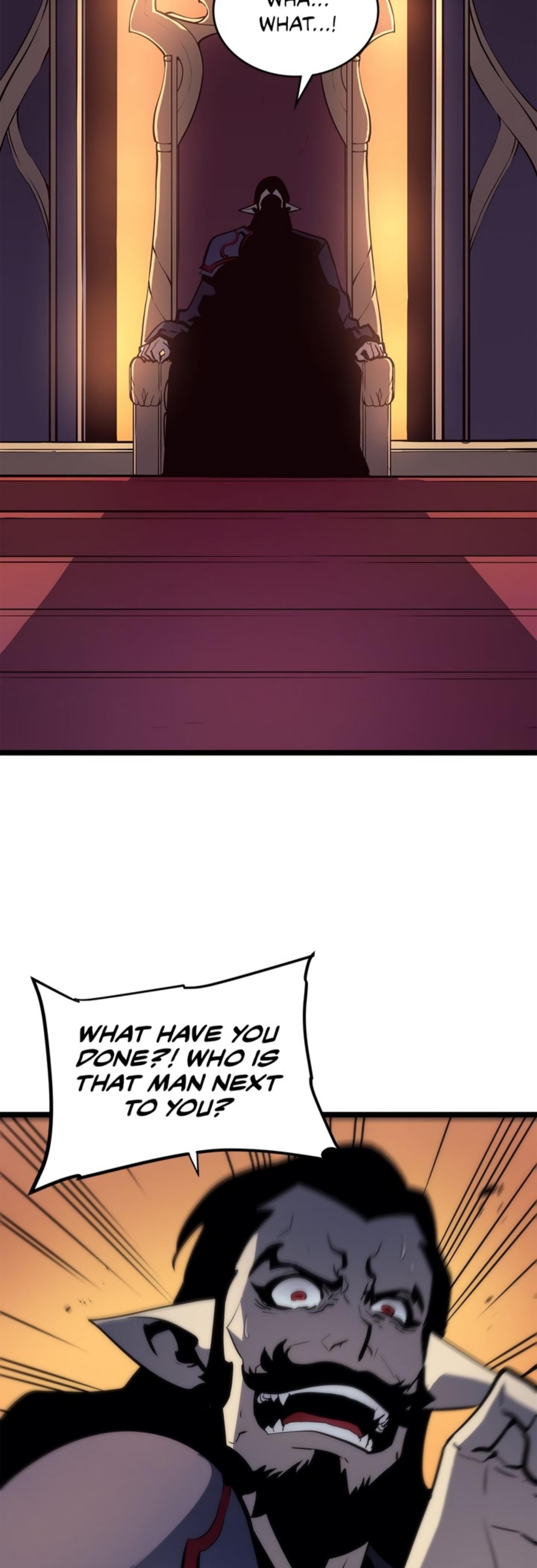
FATHER.

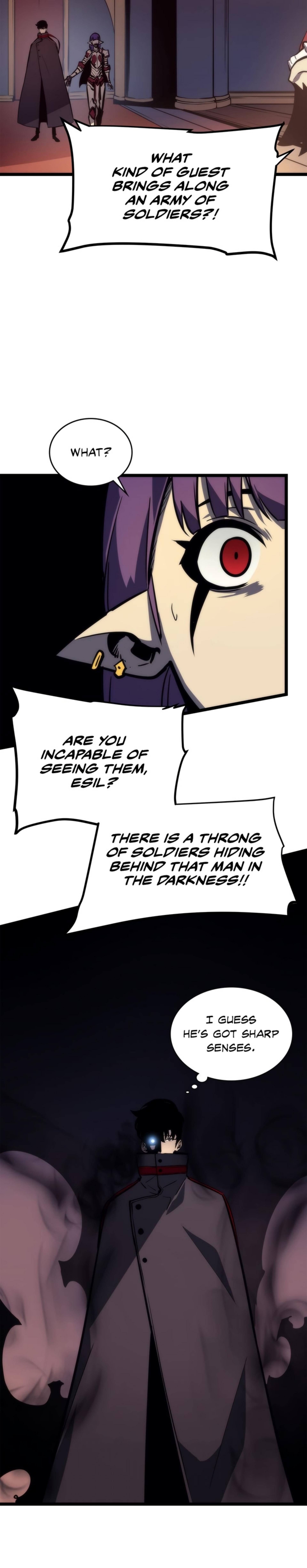


I'VE BROUGHT SOMEONE WITH ME.

IS THIS THE THRONE ROOM?

IF I HAD FOUGHT MY WAY HERE, THIS IS WHERE I WOULD'VE HAD THE BATTLE AGAINST THE BOSS.





WHAT
KIND OF GUEST
BRINGS ALONG
AN ARMY OF
SOLDIERS?!



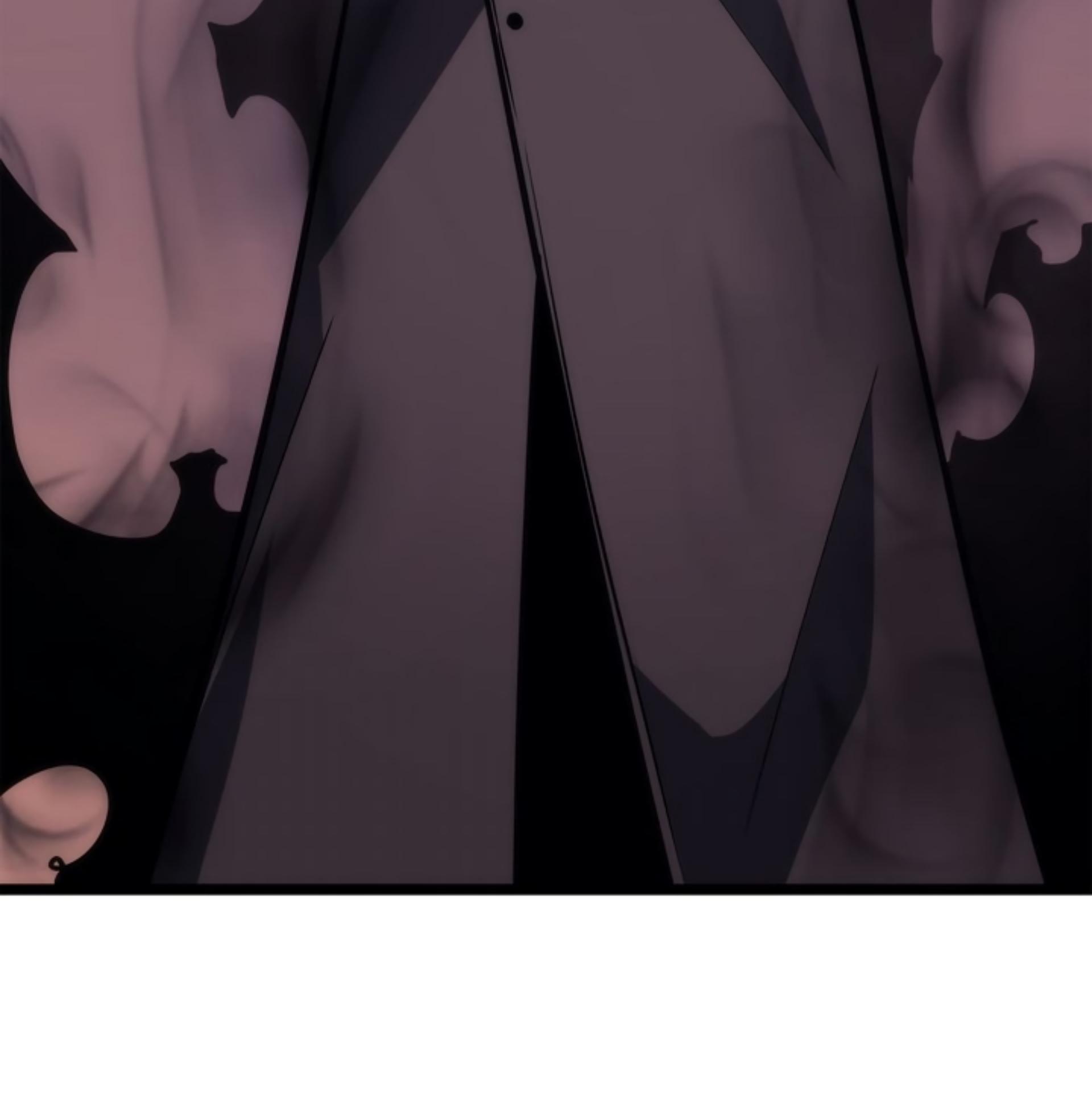
WHAT?



ARE YOU
INCAPABLE OF
SEEING THEM,
ESIL?



THERE IS A THROW
OF SOLDIERS HIDING
BEHIND THAT MAN IN
THE DARKNESS!!



I GUESS
HE'S GOT SHARP
SENSES.

HOW
DARE YOU BRING
SOLDIERS INTO
MY HOME!!

FATHER!

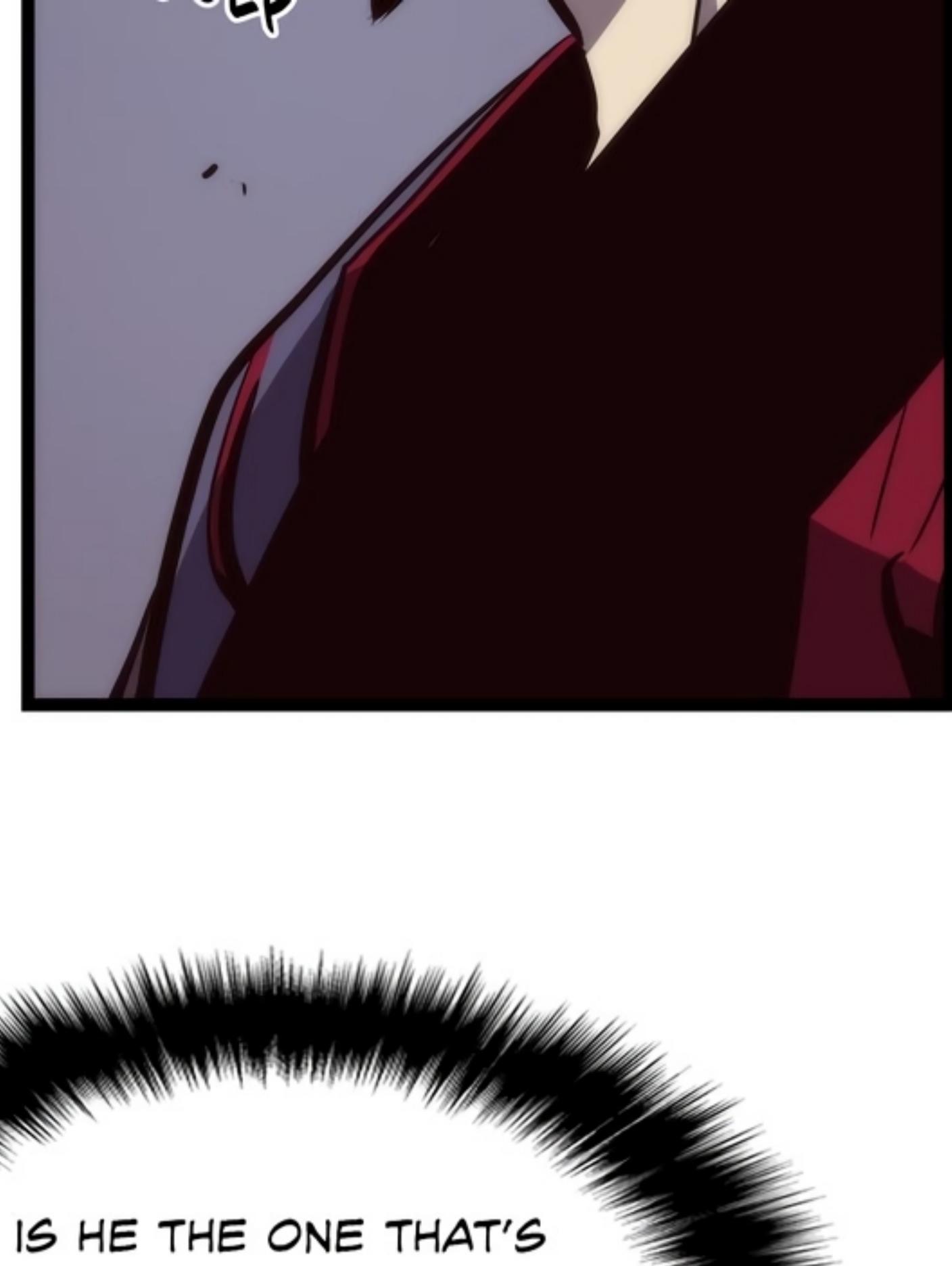
DA

DUN

I PROMISED
ESIL...

...THAT I'D LEAVE
THIS PLACE IF
SHE HANDS ME THE
ENTRY PERMIT.

Guile



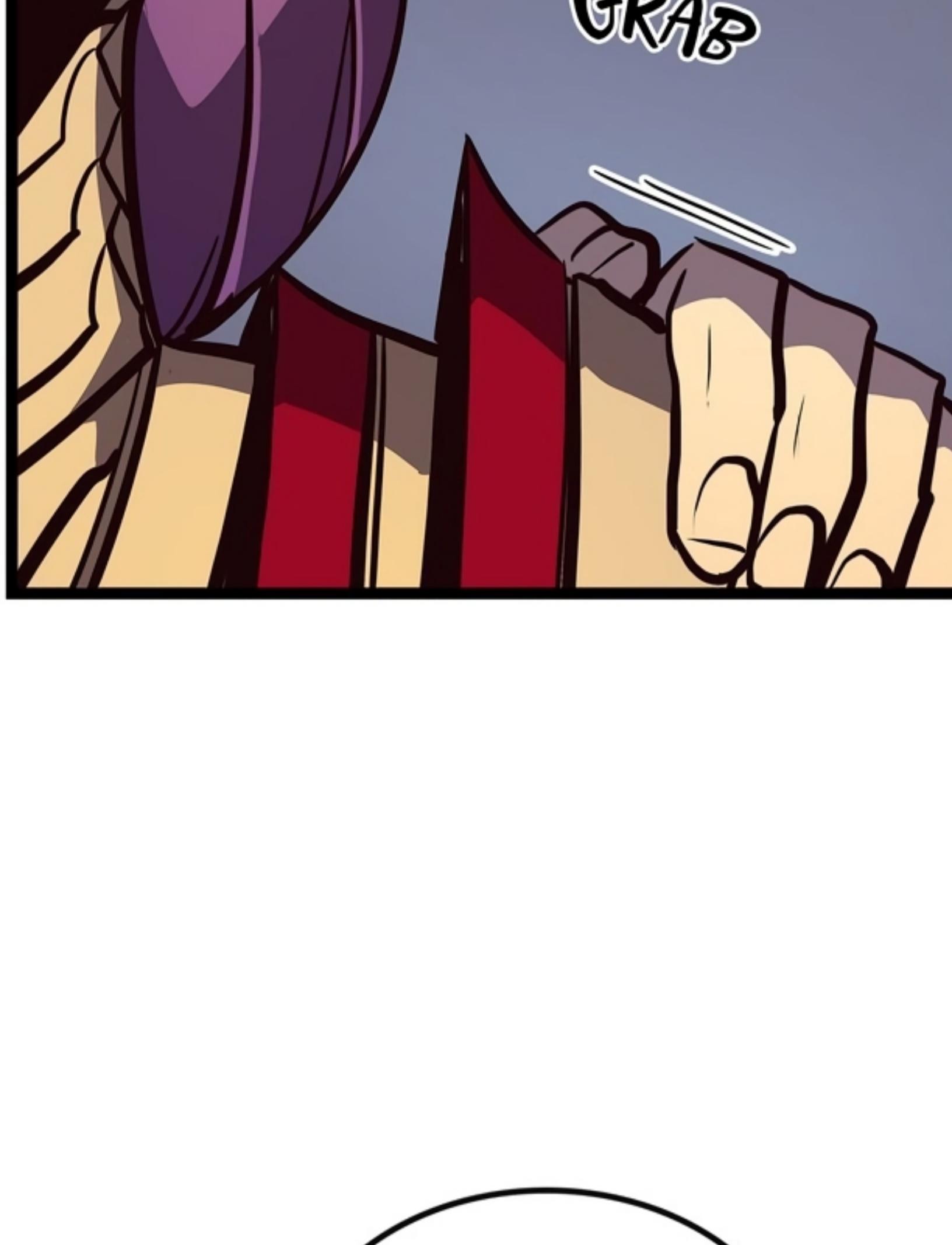
IS HE THE ONE THAT'S
BEEN KILLING OFF DEMONS
AT AN INSANE SPEED AND
CLEARING THE FLOORS
OF THIS CASTLE?

ALTHOUGH WE ARE
NOBLES, THE RADIRU
CLAN SITS LOW ON THE
PECKING ORDER AT 20TH
PLACE, MAKING US ONE
OF THE WEAKEST
CLANS.

HE
WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT
VULCAN AND METUS, SO
THERE'S NO WAY WE
STAND A CHANCE...!

THE ENTRY
PERMIT... IS THAT
ALL YOU WANT?

I HAVE
ONE MORE
REQUEST.



GRAB

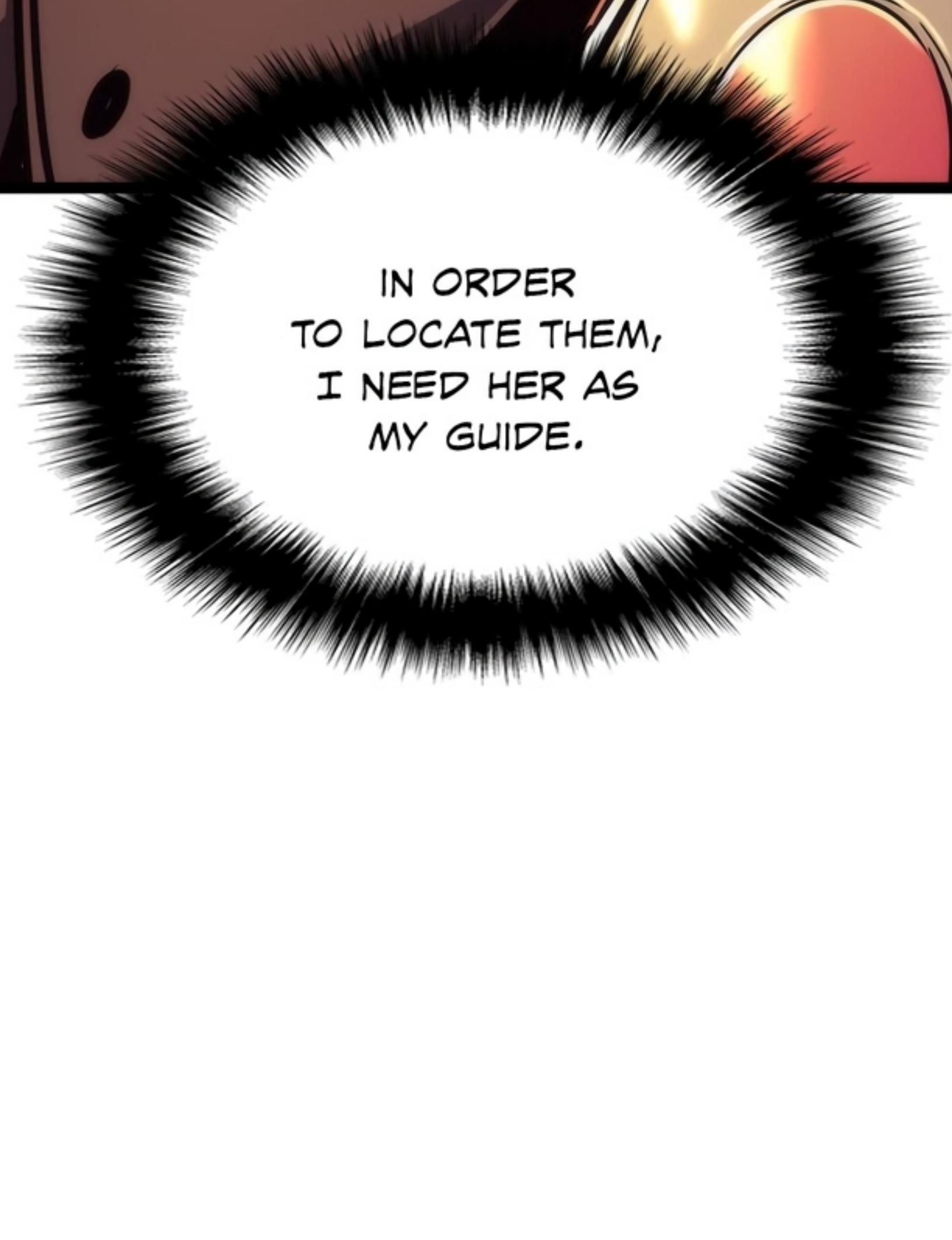


I'D LIKE TO
BORROW HER
FOR A BIT.



ESIL
SAID SHE KNOWS
WHERE ALL THE ENTRY
PERMITS TO THE TOP
FLOORS ARE.





IN ORDER
TO LOCATE THEM,
I NEED HER AS
MY GUIDE.



BUT...



...MAYBE I'VE
SAID SOMETHING
WRONG?



To Be Continued...

Solo Leveling

D&C
WEBTOON

VEDOCE
S T U D I O

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